(b) the Agenda of the meeting contained the following items:

(i) to confirm the minutes of 37th AGM held on 13.12.2000,

(ii) to receive action taken report on the minutes of AGM held on 13.12.2000,

(iii) to consider and approve the Annual Report of the Council for the year, 2000-2001; and

(iv) to consider the approve the Audit report on the Accounts of the Council for the year, 1999-2000.

The Agenda Items were considered and approved by the Council.

(c) and (d) The Education Ministers of 14 States left the remaining proceedings of the meeting after giving a joint representation stating that the implementation of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) be held in abeyance till the meeting of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) is convened.

Department examination for Principals

356. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten years of teaching experience as a P.G.T. in Kendriya Vidyalayas or Senior Secondary Schools is required for being eligible to appear at departmental examination for would be Principals; and

(b) if so, the reasons and the circumstances underwhich some of the present incumbent Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Bhopal Region could appear at the said examination in violation of the prescribed periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Perior to 05th July 2001, the Recruitment Rules provided for the eligibility of a PGT for the post of Principal as follows:

"as PGT in Kendriya Vidyalayas for at least 10 years in case of those who have passed the departmental examination."

However, in the revised Recruitment Rules, the provision of Departmental Examination has been dispensed with.

(b) Information is being collected.

World Bank project for primary education

357. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new plan to achieve full primary education for all children by 2015 has been launched at the spring meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed project prepared by the World Bank;

(c) whether at present 125 million children at the global level receive no education at all;

(d) if so, whether the Bank's Development Committee, comparising 24 Finance Ministers, including India, approved the proposal; and

(e) if so, to what extent this project is likely to help India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The Development Committee of the World Bank in its Spring Meeting held on april 21, 2002, has reaffirmed the commitment to achieve universal primary education by 2015 and eliminate gender disparities in education by 2005, to meet the Millenium Development Goal on gender equality in Primary and Secondary Education. The Action Plan decided in the meeting includes strengthening information systems and data based to ensure outcome focussed EFA monitoring, country-wise analysis on policies/ financing gaps, supporting capacity of countries to raise learning outcomes, mobilizing adequate resources including significant increase in external funding for primary education and identifying countries for initiating 'fast-track' process to provide quick and incremental support to reach universal